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# HALAM NEWS

January 2019



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## **PARISH PUMP**



### **Wine Tasting**

Thank you to everyone who came to the wine tasting at the beginning of December. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. The evening raised £330 for Homestart in Newark which helps support families with young children in a variety of ways. Ganesh Subramanian

### **Parish Council Meeting on Thu 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 19.30- Village Hall**

### **Stay & Play**

Starts back on 16<sup>th</sup> Jan and will then run every Wednesday morning from 9.30am Village Hall. For all members of the community and friends/relatives who may be interested in an informal regular playtime for pre-schoolers and a coffee morning for the adults, £2 each, tea & coffee included. Contact Sares Harney for further info on 07392 076103

### **Halam WI**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January in the village hall and we will be learning the sport of curling which, when we have played previously has been great fun and just a bit competitive! February's meeting is our AGM and in March, Ann Farnill from Talents Solicitors will be coming to speak to us about Wills, Powers of Attorney etc.

*If you would like to come and join us for any of the meetings please just drop me an email (halamvillagewi@gmail.com) or come along to the hall, the first Tuesday of every month.*  
Sara Subramanian

### **Yoga Classes**

Starts back on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January and will then run every Monday morning from 9.30am in the village hall. Contact Lyndsey King for more details on 07919 561966

### **Road Closure**

There is a planned road closure in both directions all the way from the Station Rd junction in Edingley right through to the Cross roads at the bottom of Halam Hill on Sundays 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> January for carriageway patching works. The official diversion will be Station Road, Lower Kirklington Road, The Ropewalk and Halam Hill.

### **Bottle Bins**

The bottle bins in the car park of The Waggon are for all the community to use. Please note that if the green bin is full then you can use the brown bin instead and vice versa. Please ensure all glass is put in the bottle bins and not left at the side of it.

### **The Great Halam Bake Off (Round 2)**

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December The Waggon put on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bake off competition and although there were fewer entries than last year we did have a new winner. Congratulations to Oscar Mills (Aged 9) for his wonderful Lighthouse creation.

### **Church Cleaning Rota,**

Our church is beautifully looked after by a team of volunteers however there is room in the rota for a few more volunteers if you can spare anytime in the month please contact Mrs Herbert (Church Warden) on 01636 812335

### **Halam & Edingley Cycling Club**

There is a new cycling club for the residents of Halam & Edingley. There are already 11 members. If you are interested in joining our club, please contact the editor.

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## **St Michael The** **Archangel**



### **January**

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 09.30** - Morning Worship (Epiphany) with Anne Godfrey

**Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 10.30** - Baptism of Christ & Plough Sunday with Anne Godfrey

**Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 09.30** - Parish Communion with Rev. David Moore

**Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 10.30** - Sung Eucharist with Father Matthew Askey

### **February**

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 09.30** - Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candle Mass) with Chris Clay

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 10.30** - Celebrating Marriage with Anne Godfrey

## **Open 7am till 7pm**



*Halam.* Standing in a valley, five miles from Southwell, is the village of Halam, whose church tower still keeps the pyramidal roof despite modern restoration. When the new aisle was made to that building, a row of pillars was discovered. The village school, a barn standing in School Lane, had as mistress Miss Butler, who was ruthless in her discipline. She introduced for the excessive talkers 'tongue bags', which, made of linen, were fastened round the ears, and contained flour. There was no playground, and as a result, no organized games. Instruction was limited to the three R's, and the scholars, who numbered between twenty-five and thirty, paid twopence or threepence a week for the privilege of being taught. There were two shops in the village, one of which is now a private house. That kept by Mr. W. P. Richardson is still functioning but is not now the post office. The Manor House with its whale bones forming the entrance, still stands. There was a water mill as well as a windmill in Home Lane. The tradespeople included a huckster, a shoemaker, who made boots for the county and had several apprentices, a joiner, a blacksmith, a tailor who lived in a poor house, and farmers who left money to be distributed. The village boasted a pinfold and a stocks near to the poor houses of Mary Lamb. There were three of these poor houses, which were of the one room up and one room down type, the upper room being reached by a ladder.

The Feast was celebrated in October, and there was a May Fair for two days and a Plough Monday celebration. Features of these festivities were Betty Gilbert's butterscotch, a magic lantern, and occasionally a dancing bear. A famous nursery for larch and spruce was maintained here, and Samuel Bradley raised the Paxton strawberry; and still the tradition goes on. In the olden days it was a place of longevity, for in 1775 two folk died at the age of ninety-two years.

The meeting house of Nonconformity was the building in Church Street now used as a school canteen. Persecution abounded here in the seventeenth century, for there are records of Mary Dring being fined £10 twice for holding peaceable meetings at her house, and on another occasion, in 1670, goods to the value of £16 were forfeited. The Methodist church in the early days was in Back Lane, the old building being now a bungalow. The leaders were A. W. FitzHackler, W. P. Richardson, Robert Dixon, John Cook and George Hallam. The Society, now numbering twenty members, is meeting in a modern building, and has the distinction of including the Southwell circuit steward, Mr. G. Hoggard.

## **Report from the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

### **Present**

Mr Simon Bust, Mr Andrew Paris, Mr Chris Bevans, Mrs Sarah Godfrey, Mrs Glenys Herbert, Mrs Janet Simmonds, Mrs Carolyn Todd

### **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

1. Village Hall Christmas Tree – the Chairman and Clerk have put up the Christmas Tree. Many thanks to the parishioner who provided new lights for the tree.
2. Village Notice Board – the notice board is in a poor state and needs urgent work to prevent it becoming an eyesore. The Clerk will speak to the contractor who made it to have repair work done as soon as possible.

### **Village Hall**

The outside doors have now been repainted (black) by the decorator. PAT testing of the hall appliances is now due Mrs Godfrey to talk to Andrew Godfrey about the testing. The fire check has been completed (and passed). Chris Bevans to investigate updating and adding to the pictures in the hall, possibly from the "village archives". Bookings are reasonable going forward.

### **Fund Raising**

The village quiz in November raised £200 towards village hall funds. A Facebook chat-group has been formed to discuss and plan future village events.

### **Roads and Hedges**

Radley Road was closed recently while Highways drilled into sections of the road to assess the road for suitability of resurfacing. Holme Lane has been marked up ready for pothole repairs. The Footpath Office has been made aware of the fallen tree on the footpath above the Church Field. Some of the village signs are in a poor state – to be discussed with County Cllr Laughton at the next meeting.

### **Defibrillator**

Now in situ outside Halam Salon and about to be connected to the mains electricity.

### **Allotments**

Further ideas and discussions are ongoing.

### **Coloured Glass Windows**

These have been sold to the owner of the old Methodist church in Edingley; awaiting collection.

### **Open Meeting**

Matters discussed:

1. Speed humps on Halam Hill – discussed on many previous occasions and always refused previously by County Council Highways.
2. Community Speedwatch – the scheme will be restarted in the Spring. Anyone interested in heading up this initiative should contact Andrew Paris. Further volunteers will be welcome.
3. County Council Consultation on Unitary Authority – further discussions are on hold at present.

### **Planning**

None this month.

### **Finance**

Unanimously agreed to pay hall cleaners, the fire-check and the hall decorator.

The budget for next year was discussed in detail and it was resolved to keep next year's precept at the same level as this year.

### **Date of next meeting**

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### **Church Cleaning Rota**

Following an appeal in last month's Halam News we now have three extra volunteers adding to the rota. Thank you to all of our volunteers for your continued service. Glenys Herbert.

### **Tempting Fete – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Please put this date into your diary. This is the date that has been set for our "Tempting Fete" event. Full details to be published in the March edition of Halam News. There is a group of villagers working very hard to bring you an event that has community at its heart and there will be something for all ages.

If you have an idea or something to offer, please contact Chris on 07967 132014

### **Halam WI**

February's WI meeting is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and is starting at 7pm in the village hall. This is so we can do all the AGM business before Gillian teaches how to make decorative paper flowers.

March's meeting is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and back to our usual time of 7.30pm. Our talk will be on 'Legal Stuff' by Ann Farnill which will include information about making Wills, Power of Attorney etc.

All visitors welcome, for more information contact Sara Subramanian  
- halamvillagewi@gmail.com

### **Ladies Bike for Sale**

Offers around £50 will be accepted, Buyer collect from Victoria Starkey at Hill Farm House, School Lane

### **Yoga Classes**

Monday mornings from 9.30am in the village hall. Contact Lyndsey King for more details on 07919 561966

### **Eagle Owl reunited with its owner.**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> January an Eagle Owl (Hamish) was spotted in a tree near to the church in Halam. It seemed really tame and suspicions grew that this was not a wild creature and is probably somebody's pet. Following a short campaign to find the owner, he was located and the two were reunited once again. This is a great example of community spirit and well done to all involved.

### **Full Marks for Burns Night**

Glowing reviews have been reported following a very successful Burns Night event at The Waggon. Well done to all involved.

### **Valentine Night at The Waggon**

Don't forget to book a table and treat your significant other to a romantic evening

### **World Biggest Quiz Night**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> March the Waggon will be hosting a quiz night in aid of Prostate Cancer UK. Please contact the pub to book your table.



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### **'The Conviction of Cora Burns': Carolyn Kirby**

Many of you will remember Carolyn with affection. She lived in Halam for many years at Hollycott with her husband Paul Kirby and their two children Grace and Eliza.

Carolyn has recently embarked on a new career as a writer and has kindly agreed to come to Halam to give a talk and slideshow presentation: 'Victorian Scientists and Scandals' - true stories behind her novel 'The Conviction of Cora Burns'. She will focus on three controversial Victorians - Arthur Munby, W.T. Stead and Francis Galton, and give an insight into the fictional narrative of her novel. It will be followed by audience questions and there will be an opportunity to buy a signed copy on the evening as we enjoy a glass of wine.

**Wednesday 22 May 2019**

**Halam Church 7.30pm**

**Tickets: £5 (proceeds to Framework), available from Karin Lindley (Tel: 815854) & Margery Wilson (Tel: 812177).**

### **Report from the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

#### **Present**

Mr Simon Bust, Mr Andrew Paris, Mr Chris Bevans, Mrs Sarah Godfrey, Mrs Glenys Herbert, Mrs Janet Simmonds, Mrs Carolyn Todd

#### **Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**

Last year the bus timetable through the village was greatly reduced but after lobbying, the original frequency of buses was reinstated. However, this was a temporary measure supported by the County Council which is due for review this month. County Cllr Bruce Laughton had stated that the parish council would be consulted regarding the future of the bus routes prior to any decision being made – there has been no consultation to date. The Clerk will contact Cllr Laughton to find out what the current situation is regarding this promised consultation.

#### **Village Hall**

PAT testing of the hall appliances will be done by volunteer, Andrew Godfrey.

Outstanding maintenance required: 1) toilet seat to be fixed, 2) door lock on ladies' toilet, and 3) door lock on gents' toilet

A discussion was held regarding a request by a religious group to hire the hall for three days, including over-night payer meeting(s). Subject to the group agreeing to ensure any disruption or disturbance to neighbours (and the wider village) is avoided, then it was resolved 5 for: 2 against, to offer the use of the hall.

#### **Events & Fund Raising**

The events group is working towards holding a village fete on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Possible events for the day include a duck race, scavenger hunt, stalls, dog show, and a tug-of-war. In the evening there could be a BBQ or hog roast and a Ceilidh. The whole day should be self-funding but in order to be in a position to start putting the event together, the group has requested that the parish council under-write the event to the value of £400. As the day should be actually a zero cost for the parish council, it was unanimously agreed to under-write the event to a maximum of £400.

#### **Roads and Hedges**

The road between Halam and Edingley will be closed from the Halam crossroads to Station Road, Edingley all day Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January for "carriageway patching works".

There will be allowed access to the Waggon and the houses along the route.

The flashing speed sign on Halam Hill isn't working – clerk to contact County Council.

There is a tree leaning across the "Windmill Lane" footpath which may fall and block the track – clerk to contact County Council.

**Please note: - all highways issues – potholes, condition of roadside furniture, street lights etc – can be reported directly on the County Council website - [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk) – or by calling the council on 0300 500 80 80. The more people that complain about an issue, the more likely the problem is likely to get resolved.**

#### **Allotments**

The Parish Council would like to hear from you if you would be interested in having an allotment patch in Halam, if they were more central in the village and had a water supply.

This is hypothetical at the moment but if there is enough demand this option will be explored.

#### **Coloured Glass Windows**

Still awaiting collection.

#### **Correspondence**

A parishioner wrote asking various matters to be raised, including litter and potholes. These were reviewed and the issues will be raised with District and County Councils as appropriate.

#### **Planning**

None this month.

#### **Date of next meeting**

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**Congratulations** – to James & Gemma Bust on the safe arrival of their daughter Charlotte Elizabeth Bust, born 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 weighing 7lb 2oz.

### **World Biggest Quiz Night – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

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### **Bags 2 School – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 9.00am**

Halam PTFA are holding another collection for your unwanted clothes, shoes and handbags etc. Please put any items you would like to donate into a liner and take to the school by 9am on that date or if you would like to have it collected please contact the editor to arrange this for you.

### **Halam WI – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

The next WI meeting is at 7.30pm at the village hall. Ann Farnill will be visiting us to talk about 'legal stuff!' including the importance of having an up to date Will. For April's meeting (2/4/19) our own Debbie Kenyon will be doing an Easter cookery demonstration.

### **Yoga Classes – Mondays from 9.30am**

in the village hall. Contact Lyndsey King for more details on 07919 561966

### **Spring Gourmet Evening – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

The Waggon will be holding the latest in there ever popular Gourmet evening. Contact The waggon to make you booking.

### **Guitar Lessons**

Taught by professional musician, Ty Garner, MA Music, BA (Hons) Jazz Studies. Tel. 07854 519371 or info@tygarner.co.uk. www.tygarner.co.uk

### **High Notes & Low Notes: The Jazz Men and Women who Suffered for their Art**

Enjoy 4 weekly guided sessions listening to and discussing the evolution of jazz music. Featuring New Orleans, Swing, Bebop, Cool and Fusion. Learn more about Billie Holiday, Miles Davis, Duke Ellington, Chet Baker et. al. Everybody welcome from beginner to aficionado. Time 7:30 - 9:30 pm. Day/Date to be arranged. Venue to be confirmed in Halam. Cost £7.00 per person, includes free refreshments: tea, coffee and biscuits. For further details please contact Ty Garner on 07854519371 or info@tygarner.co.uk

### **Learn How to Meditate**

Ty Garner explains how to find happiness and inner peace by using a simple breathing meditation that he has learned from his own daily practice of Buddhism. Learn how to unwind your mind and relax in 4 weekly sessions. No previous experience is necessary. Everyone welcome. Time 7:30 - 9:00 pm Monday. Date to be arranged. Venue to be confirmed in Halam. Cost £5.00 per person including refreshments: tea and biscuits. Please contact Ty for further details on Tel. 07854519371 or info@tygarner.co.uk



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**Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 10.30** - Sung Eucharist with Rev. Erika Kirk

**Sun 31<sup>st</sup> 09.30** - Mothering Sunday Service with Anne Godfrey with Posies for everyone

### **April**

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 09.30** - Morning Worship with TBC

**Open 7am till 7pm**



**Report from the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Present**

Mr Andrew Paris, Mr Chris Bevans, Mrs Sarah Godfrey, Mrs Glenys Herbert, Mrs Janet Simmonds

**Apologies**

Mr Simon Bust, Mrs Carolyn Todd

**Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**

The poor state of the village notice board – this is to be taken away and refurbished imminently.

**Village Hall**

PAT testing still outstanding – to be done very soon.

The official re-opening of the hall and requirement for WREN publicity was discussed. Agreed to hold to do this on the same day as the planned summer event in July.

Agreed to support the village hall/village website at a cost of £30 a year.

**Events & Fund Raising**

The events group is organising a village fete on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Planned events for the day include a duck race, stalls, welly-wanging, and a tug-of-war. In the evening it is planned to have a BBQ or hog roast and a Ceilidh. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help in any way should contact Chris Bevans on 07967 132014.

**Roads and Hedges**

The verges on School Lane and Radley Road are in a poor state – churned up and muddy. This is due in part to the recent closure of the Halam-Edingley Road. It was agreed that these should be left to recover in the Spring rather than getting the County Council to repair them with road chippings/gravel.

The traffic lights on the Turnpike have stopped working on a couple of occasions; County Councillor Bruce Laughton has a direct contact number to get this sorted. Cllr Laughton can be contacted at [bruce.laughton@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk](mailto:bruce.laughton@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk) or on 07769 726 883.

There is water running down Mansfield Road near Littledale again – Simon Bust will be asked to investigate.

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**Allotments**

Two or three people have expressed interest in taking on an allotment if they were more centrally located with better facilities (water, parking). Possible locations will be discussed further.

**Coloured Glass Windows**

Now collected and paid for.

**Open Meeting**

1. Damage to the grass area by the ford on the Turnpike – the grass has been churned up by the recent gas works on the Turnpike. Contractors have been parking heavy equipment on the grass. If the grass is left in a mess once the work has been finished Jane Walker in the office of Mark Spencer MP will be contacted to put pressure on Cadent to reinstate the verge.
2. Bus services 28 & 29 – consultation currently taking place. It is likely that this hourly service will be cut back to one bus every two hours. Meetings are taking place at Southwell library and online comment can be made at <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/promos-and-offers/east-midlands/Service-28-and-29-Consultation>
3. Parish council elections will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.

**Finance**

Agreed unanimously to pay the village hall cleaners.

**Planning**

None this month.

**Date of next meeting**

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## **PARISH PUMP**

### **Charity Bike Ride – Over 240 Miles in 4 days**

On the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019 I will be riding 140 miles from the West coast of England to the East, the following weekend I will be taking part in the Dougie Mac 101 Mile ride around Staffordshire and Derbyshire.

I am doing this to say thank you to the staff at Dougie Mac Hospice as they were amazing whilst looking after my Nan in the final stages of her fight against cancer. They made a very difficult time for my family as pleasant as it possibly could be. This is my way of saying Thank You.



Please support me <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chris-bevans2>

### **Defibrillators**

I have been asked on several occasions by different people if they can have the code that will access the defibrillators, the truth is there is no code lock on them. Please do not be afraid to use these defibrillators in the case of someone having a heart attack. They cannot make the situation any worse and it talks you through step by step of what to do. There are some useful videos available on the Halam website. Please take a look.

### **Church Yard Clear up Day**

Can anybody spare a little time on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 10am to help clear the church yard, Ideally somebody with a ride-on mower and other tools of the trade. Refreshments provided.

### **Victorian Style Afternoon Tea Party**

Join us on the 28<sup>th</sup> April from 15.30 in Halam Village Hall for a traditional Victorian style afternoon tea with costumed parlour maid table service, a parlour quiz, a free raffle and a lucky chimney sweep! £10.99 per person (Please contact Jo on 07936424387 for tickets)

### **Theft from Church roofs.**

There has been an increase locally recently in the theft of lead from church roofs, please can everyone stay vigilant to any suspicious behaviour or vehicles around the church, also the church roof is alarmed, if you do hear this sounding please do not ignore and call the police straight away. Thank you.

### **Litter pick**

A word of thanks to those of you (you know who you are) that quietly and regularly pick up litter from around the village. There is a particular problem with cans being thrown from vehicles if you do see this happening please try to take a note of the reg. plate of the vehicle.

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**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 09.30** - Morning Worship with Anne Godfrey

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 10.30** - Palm Sunday Service with Anne Godfrey (Meet in the pub car park for 10.15)

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> 10.00** - Good Friday Devotions with Anne Godfrey

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 09.30** - Easter Sunday Parish Communion with Rev. Claire Tyack

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 10.30** - Sung Eucharist – Rev. Vincent Ashwin

### **May**

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 09.30** – Morning Worship Chris Clay



### **Halam Lancaster Bomber Memorial**

A memorial service will be held on  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
at 10.45 a.m.  
at the Lancaster Memorial  
School Lane.  
All very welcome to attend.

## **Open 7am till 7pm**



### **Halam WI – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

The WI meeting this month is on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7.30pm in the village hall. Debbie Kenyon will be demonstrating some Easter recipes with hopefully some tasting at the end.

At May's meeting we will be looking at our archives. If anyone in the village has any past photographs of the WI, maybe if someone in your family used to be a member, then we would be really interested in looking at them.

Visitors are always welcome to join us if any of our monthly meetings interest you. Sara Subramanian [halamvillagewi@gmail.com](mailto:halamvillagewi@gmail.com)

### **Playing the Guitar**

A series of 4 workshops held at Halam Village Hall on Saturday mornings are presented by Ty Garner to help unlock the difficulties faced when learning how to play the guitar. Time: 10:00-12:00. Start date: 6/4/2019 End date: 27/4/2019. Cost: £10.00 per workshop. For further information call 07854519371 or email [info@tygarner.co.uk](mailto:info@tygarner.co.uk)

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**Learn How to Meditate** Ty Garner explains how to find happiness and inner peace by using a simple breathing meditation that he has learned from his own daily practice of Buddhism. Everyone welcome. Time 7:30 - 9:00 pm Wednesday. Start date: 3/4/19 End date: 24/4/19. Venue: Halam Village Hall. Cost £5.00 per person including refreshments: tea and biscuits. Please contact Ty for further information on Tel. 07854519371 or email [info@tygarner.co.uk](mailto:info@tygarner.co.uk)

### **Local Elections – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> May this year Local Elections will be taking place across the country. Your current parish council has served four years in office and so all parish councillors will be required to run for election if they wish to stand again as councillor. If you would like to learn more about the work of the parish council, then you would be welcome to attend any of the monthly parish council meetings. If you would like further information regarding the forthcoming local elections then please contact the Parish Clerk, Patrick Rickett on 813181, or the Returning Officer for Newark & District Council, Castle House, Newark.

## **Report from the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

### **Present**

Mr Simon Bust, Mr Andrew Paris, Mr Chris Bevans, Mrs Glenys Herbert, Mrs Janet Simmonds, Mrs Carolyn Todd

### **Apologies**

Mrs Sarah Godfrey

### **Village Hall**

Bookings are running satisfactorily

The hall official re-opening and WREN publicity will be held at the same time as the village summer fete.

The gents cubicle needs the lock repairing and some light bulbs are needed. A £30 budget for repairs was agreed. The ladies toilet makes loud noise when flushed – Clerk to investigate.

### **Events & Fund Raising**

The events group has the organising of a village fete on 6<sup>th</sup> July in hand. There will be more publicity nearer the time. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help in any way should contact Chris Bevans on 07967 132014.

It is planned to hold another village quiz night in the pub in early June – date to be confirmed.

### **Roads and Hedges**

County Councillor Bruce Laughton stated that the poor state of School Lane had been reported to County Highways. It was pointed out that Holme Lane and Radley Road edges/verges are also in a poor state. Much of this will recover as the weather improves, but Cllr Laughton will arrange a Highways inspection of these problems. Some repair work has been done round drains and manhole covers, but this was reported as being poorly done.

The non-working state of the interactive speed sign on Halam Hill has been reported.

Highways are aware of the issue of water on Mansfield Road by Little Dale House – further investigation is needed.

The cut-backs to nos. 28 & 29 busses will come into effect meaning that Halam will get a two-hourly bus service in future rather than the hourly service as at present. Cllr Laughton is trying to publicise bus use – “use it or lose it”.

Some funding may be available for replacement “Halam” signs – Andrew Paris to look into this further.

Litter-Pick – Sherwood MP Mark Spencer is organising village litter-pick for Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. The parish council are very grateful to the current litter-picking volunteers but hope that there can be a good

turnout of volunteers of 10<sup>th</sup> May. Mark Spencer's team will be providing equipment, but village volunteers will be needed please. More details next month.

### **Allotments**

Some interest has been expressed if the allotments were sited somewhere more centrally in the village. Consideration is ongoing.

### **Village Notice Board**

Has now been removed for a major restoration. An estimate of costs will be obtained before work starts.

### **Correspondence**

Temporary Traffic Lights – there will be temporary traffic lights on Halam Hill, 9.30 a.m. – 12 noon 27<sup>th</sup> March for the replacement of the interactive speed sign.

### **Finance**

Unanimously agreed to pay:

- 1) Village hall cleaners
- 2) Dog bin emptying charge
- 3) Village hall emptying charge
- 4) Re-pay Mr Bevans for cost of village/village hall websites
- 5) Clerks wages – the Clerk was thanked for all his work and input over the year.

### **Planning**

Rosebeck, Back Lane – Householder application for one-storey front and side extensions, two-storey side and rear extensions, and new detached garage: agreed to support the application unanimously

### **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30 pm in the village hall. Except in extraordinary circumstances, parish council meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. **Members of the public are reminded that they are welcome to attend the parish council meeting to find out about the work of the council. There is also always an opportunity to raise issues with the parish council at the meeting during the “Open” part of the meeting.**



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### **Charity Bike Ride – Over 240 Miles in 4 days**

On the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019 I will be riding 140 miles from the West coast of England to the East, the following weekend I will be taking part in the Dougie Mac 101 Mile ride around Staffordshire and Derbyshire.



I am doing this to say thank you to the staff at Dougie Mac Hospice as they were amazing whilst looking after my Nan in the final stages of her fight against cancer. They made a very difficult time for my family as pleasant as it possibly could be. This is my way of saying Thank You. Please support me <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chris-bevans2>

### **Debut novelist will share book's secrets**

**Author Carolyn Kirby, former resident of Halam, will give an illustrated talk, followed by Q&A and book signing in Halam Church about the real people and events that inspired her Victorian-set debut novel.**



A graduate of St Hilda's College, Oxford, Carolyn worked in social housing and then taught English as a foreign language.

Published last month, ***The Conviction of Cora Burns*** was begun in 2013 on a writing course at the Faber Academy in London. The book has achieved success in several competitions, including winning the inaugural Bluepencilagency Award.

**Birmingham1885:** Born in a gaol, raised in a workhouse, Cora Burns struggles to control her inner violence. Haunted by memories she seeks a new life as a servant in the house of scientist Thomas Jerwood. Here she befriends a young girl who seems to be the subject of a living experiment. But is Jerwood also secretly studying Cora?

Praising it as "a spirited gothic adventure" the ***Times*** chose it as one of its historical fiction books of the month. Carolyn's talk, '**Victorian Scientists and Scandals**' examining true stories behind ***The Conviction of Cora Burns***, takes place on **Wednesday 22 May, at 7.30pm.**

Tickets £5, include a glass of wine, proceeds to Halam Church/Framework, are available from Karin Lindley: Tel. 01636 815854 or email [karinlindley@hotmail.com](mailto:karinlindley@hotmail.com), or on the door.

### **Halam & Edingley Cycling Club**

We have now been established for approx. 6 months and now have 13 members. If you fancy joining our friendly and sociable group, please contact Chris Bevans on the details below. All ages and abilities are welcome.



### **Distributor needed**

If you can spare a little time once a month then please contact the editor asap. There is a distribution round of about 15 houses that need a distributor.

### **Yoga Classes – Mondays from 9.30am**

in the village hall. Contact Lyndsey King for more details on 07919 561966

### **Halam WI**

This month WI will be meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm at the village Hall and we'll be looking at Halam WI archives. In June the meeting is on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June and our guest speaker will be coming from a company called 'Looking Good - Colour Analysis'

### **Church Yard Clear up Day**

A big thank you goes out to all who turned out to help with the church yard clearing. You all worked very hard and the church yard now looks very tidy for the start of the summer season.

### **Theft from Church roofs.**

There has been an increase locally recently in the theft of lead from church roofs, please can everyone stay vigilant to any suspicious behaviour or vehicles around the church, also the church roof is alarmed, if you do hear this sounding please do not ignore and call the police straight away. Thank you.

### **Tempting Fete – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

There is a group of villagers working very hard to bring you an event that has community at its heart and there will be something for all ages. Features of this event will include: A Scarecrow competition, A duck race, Tug of War, Family Rounders Tournament, Wellie Wanging, Stalls and much more for the daytime. Then as we go into the early evening there will be a Ceilidh Band and BBQ. If you have an idea or something to offer, please contact Chris on 07967 132014

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## **St Michael The Archangel**



### **May**

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 09.30** - Morning Worship with Chris Clay  
**Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 10.30** – Vocation Sunday – Start of the Christian Aid Week – Thanks giving to all who help at the Church with Anne Godfrey  
**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 09.30** – Service TBC  
**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 10.30** - Sung Eucharist – Rev. Erika Kirk

### **June**

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 09.30** – Morning Worship with Anne Godfrey

## **Open 7am till 7pm**



## Halam Annual Parish Meeting – 7.30 pm Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in the village hall

### Present

Simon Bust, Mr Andrew Paris, Mr Chris Bevans, Mrs Sarah Godfrey, Mrs Janet Simmonds, Mrs Carolyn Todd

### Apologies

Mrs Glenys Herbert

### Chairman's Report

The Chairman Simon Bust reported that much of the parish council's time and effort over the past year had been the upkeep and running of the village hall. The external work on the hall has been finished and the interior of the main hall has been redecorated. The hall is now in a much better state than it has been for many years. There is further decoration required, and in fact much more money could be spent on the hall if the demand is there; there certainly seems to be more enthusiasm for the hall now that it has been improved. The Chairman thanked Sarah Godfrey for her hard work in raising the grant money, Chris Bevans for the ongoing lettings management, and Andrew Paris for raising hall funds.

The parish council has made recommendations and comments over the year on the various planning applications received. In general, the decisions of the District Council planning department have been in line with the views of the parish council.

The parish council has lobbied the County Council regarding roads, street lighting, and hedges, pushing for remedial works and improvements where needed in the parish. County Cllr Bruce Laughton has supported us and helped get various works done where possible from limited funds.

Unfortunately, there has been little progress with improving or relocating the village allotments. The matter is still firmly on the agenda and further consideration and discussions will be ongoing.

A successful Harvest Supper had been held last October and the Chairman thanked all involved in making the event such an enjoyable evening.

The Chairman thanked the parish councillors for their input and support in running what has been a successful year. The commitment and efforts of the Clerk, Pat Rickett, and Financial Officer, Mandy Rickett have been invaluable and greatly appreciated. Chris Bevans was thanked for his work as editor of the village hall website, village Facebook page and the village newsletter.

In summary, the Chairman stated that the parish council had done what it could with its limited powers and the funds it has available, and he now felt that the parish was now in a better position than 12 months ago.

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### Present

Mr Simon Bust, Mr Andrew Paris, Mr Chris Bevans, Mrs Sarah Godfrey, Mrs Janet Simmonds, Mrs Carolyn Todd

### Apologies

Mrs Glenys Herbert

### Matters Arising

The notice board has been removed for restoration – waiting for the costings for this.

### Village Hall

The village hall has been booked for the elections on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, and a theatre group has reserved the hall for two weeks in July. The official re-launch of the village hall will be timed to coincide with village fete in the summer with maybe strawberries and Prosecco available in the hall. It is proposed that parishioners who had subscribed to the refurbishment will receive a special invite nearer the time.

### Events & Fund Raising

County Cllr Bruce Laughton has offered funding for banners and publicity (£300) for the summer fete. The issue of insurance for the event was discussed; this could be quite expensive. Various insurance options are being explored and Chris Bevans will report back once this is sorted.

### Roads and Hedges

The interactive speed sign on Halam Hill has been fixed, and some major potholes have been filled. Cllr Bruce Laughton stated that £20m of extra funding had been made available for Nottinghamshire roads, but that there was a backlog of work needing doing of around £90m - £100m. Part of Radley Road will be re-dressed in the near future. The parish council made it clear that they didn't want Radley Road or School Lane widening – this could bring an unwelcome increase in both traffic speed and quantity.

### Allotments

A new enquiry for an allotment has been received. Consideration on the long-term future of the allotments is ongoing.

### Open Meeting

1. A parishioner raised the issues of: the state of the roads and hedges in the village; the poor state of village signage; the badly filled potholes; drains not cleared, and; the lack of speed bumps. These issues were discussed, and Cllr Bruce Laughton will address where possible.
2. Best Kept Village – Janet Simmonds requested that residents should be reminded that we are entering this again this year, and that a reminder should be put in Halam News.
3. Parish Council Elections 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 – Carolyn Todd has decided not to stand for re-election to the parish council this year. The Chairman expressed his thanks to her for her involvement over the past years in the parish councillor.

### Correspondence

Litter-Pick – Sherwood MP Mark Spencer is organising village litter-pick for Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - All equipment will be provided, but please wear warm clothes and sensible shoes. Meet at the village hall at 10am Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May.**  
**Mark Spencer MP – 01159 681 186 or email mark.spencer.mp@parliament.uk**

### Finance

Unanimously agreed to pay:

- 1) Village hall cleaners
- 2) Re-pay Mr Bevans for cost of small maintenance items for the village hall
- 3) Parish council printed ink and paper

### Date of next meeting

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.30 pm in the village hall. Except in extraordinary circumstances, parish council meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. **Members of the public are reminded that they are welcome to attend the parish council meeting to find out about the work of the council. There is also always an opportunity to raise issues with the parish council at the meeting during the "Open" part of the meeting.**

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## **PARISH PUMP**

### **Charity Bike Ride for Dougie Mac**

I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me in my challenge. The total raised to date stands at around £650.

The Coast to Coast ride went really well, the weather was very good to us and it was a weekend I will never forget.

The following weekend I was due to ride 101 miles for the second part of my challenge but unfortunately the night before my Grandad was rushed into hospital with suspected sepsis and I was with him until 3am. Luckily it turned out not to be sepsis but an infection all the same, he is getting better and recovering well. I decided to postpone this part of my challenge. I will release details on this as soon as they are confirmed.



### **Halam & Edingley Cycling Club**

We have now been established for approx. 6 months and now have 15 members. If you fancy joining our friendly and sociable group, please contact Chris Bevans on the details below. All ages and abilities are welcome.



### **Christian Aid Envelopes**

If anybody has still got Christian aid envelope that has not yet been handed in, please post through the letterbox of Mrs Herbert (The Scypen) or Mrs Wells (Sedgebrook House)

### **Distributer Found**

Following an appeal for a new distributer in last months edition. I would like to thank Chris & Anne Mercer for taking on this role. They are filling the shoes of Richard Brown who decided to retire from his duties after many years of service.

### **Yoga Classes – Mondays from 9.30am**

In the village hall. Contact Lyndsey King for more details on 07919 561966

### **Halam WI**

This month Halam WI will be hosting Sue from 'Looking Good' who is a colour and style image consultant. 'Looking Good' is visually entertaining and educational with colourful exhibits, practical demonstrations, and audience participation. If you would like to join us on Tuesday please come to the village for 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th June.

July's talk is entitled 'Pickled, Potted and Canned' which will be on Tuesday 2nd July.

### **Tempting Fete – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

If you are able to help out on the day, then please contact Chris using the contact details at the bottom of this page. We need for the car parking and also a list of qualified first aiders to be contactable on the date should there be an incident.

### **Best Kept Village 2020**

Although the best kept village competition has not yet taken place for 2019, I am forward thinking to 2020.

Halam has the ability to win with a bit of effort. If you can spare a couple of hours a month to help with research to put plans into place, please contact me Janet Simmonds on 01636 812909 or 07972 215286 or jansimmonds@yahoo.co.uk

### **Halam Parish Council Parish Councillor Vacancy.**

Halam Parish Council are carrying 1 vacancy after the elections and plan to fill this at the next Parish Council Meeting (13th June 2019)

Anyone interested should either contact the Clerk, Mr P Rickett on 01636 813181 or rickett@live.co.uk or attend the meeting for an informal interview

## **St Michael The Archangel**



### **June**

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 09.30** - Morning Worship with Anne Godfrey

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> 10.30** - Pentecost with Chris Clay

**Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 09.30** - Parish Communion (Trinity Sunday) with Rev. Jim Wellington

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.30** - Sung Eucharist – Rev. Erika Kirk

**Sun 30<sup>th</sup>** – No Service in Church

**Open 7am till 7pm**



## Halam Annual Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 pm Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in the village hall

### Present

Simon Bust, Mr Andrew Paris, Mrs Glenys Herbert, Mrs Janet Simmonds, Mr Ganesh Subramanian

### Apologies

Mr Chris Bevans

### Election of Chair & Vice-Chair

Simon Bust was elected Chair, and Andrew Paris was elected Vice-Chair

### Election of Other Officers

The following appointments were agreed unanimously:

Christmas Charities – Simon Bust & Andrew Paris

Press Officer – Andrew Paris

Transport – Glenys Herbert

NALC Representative – Janet Simmonds (+ one vacancy)

Snow/Flood Warden – Simon Bust

Flag Officer – Simon Bust

Crime Reduction Officer – Andrew Paris

Internal Auditor – Mr Martindale

Financial Officer – Mandy Rickett

### Signing of Declarations

The councillors signed the require individual declarations to stand as parish councillors.

### Declaration of Councillors' Interest

No interests were declared.

### Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

### Matters Arising

- 1) Agreed to have a second oak post replaced as part of the village notice board restoration
- 2) Defibrillator on the hair salon needs connecting to power – this is required just for the heater in the unit, not for charging. The defibrillator will be connected shortly.

### Co-option of Councillor

Currently the parish council is short of one councillor. It is planned to fill this vacancy at the next parish council meeting. This vacancy will be advertised on the notice board and in the village newsletter as well as the Halam Facebook page. Anyone interested in becoming a parish councillor should contact the Clerk, Pat Rickett on 813181 or rickett@live.co.uk, or they may attend the next parish council meeting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June for an informal interview.

### Village Hall

The village hall bookings are steady with a couple of good potential enquiries pending.

Ganesh Subramanian asked about improving the acoustics and heating of the hall – this may be financially possible once the current mortgage is paid off later this year. County Councillor Bruce Laughton stated that there may be some funding available for this under the county's Local Improvement Scheme (LIS).

### Events & Fund Raising

Plans for the village fête on 6<sup>th</sup> July are generally progressing well. The village hall re-opening will be on the afternoon of the event with prosecco and strawberries available in the hall. It is planned to send out personal invitations to all those who financially supported the hall's renovations.

### Roads and Hedges

Cllr Bruce Laughton stated that a reorganisation of the maintenance of the county's roads is underway and it is hoped that this should see an improvement in the roads generally.

There is still a problem with water on the road outside Littledale – county are aware of this and are working towards a solution.

Some of the "Halam" signs are in a poor state. It may be possible to request new ones at no cost to the village. This will be discussed further.

Ganesh Subramanian raised the issue of the poor state of the verges and road edges in the village, especially along School Lane. Cllr Laughton said that this would be looked at, but the parish council made it clear that filling holes with road stone or crushed road stone would be an unacceptable "urbanisation". There will be a certain amount of recovery by the verges over the next few months.

**Please note: - all highways issues – potholes, condition of roadside furniture, street lights etc – can be reported directly on the County Council website - [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk) – or by calling the council on 0300 500 80 80. The more people that complain about an issue, the more likely the problem is likely to get resolved.**

### Allotments

Nothing further to report at this stage. It was said that both Edingley and Southwell have vacant allotments at the moment which may be a reflection of the current demand for allotments generally.

### Open Meeting

1. A parishioner raised the issues of: the state of the roads and hedges in the village; the poor state of village signage; the badly filled potholes; drains not cleared, and; HGVs passing down narrow lanes, and the speed of vehicles through the village. These issues were discussed and as these are generally all County Council issues, they will be raised with Cllr Bruce Laughton to address where possible.
2. Best Kept Village – Janet Simmonds requested that residents should be reminded that we are entering this again this year, and that a further reminder should be put in Halam News. Mrs Simmonds asked if any funding could be made available to help keep the village tidy; this will be considered later in the year when the village hall loan has been cleared.

### Planning

St Helen's Croft, Mansfield Road – Householder application for new porch extension to front door: agreed to support (unanimous)

### Finance

Unanimously agreed to pay:

- 1) Village hall cleaners
- 2) Village hall insurance (annual)
- 3) Printed flyers advertising public meetings last February re bus cut-backs
- 4) Best Kept Village competition (£5)

### Date of next meeting

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